



Text Structure

How does the author organize the information in the text?

Description

- o This type of text structure features a detailed description of something to give the reader a mental picture.
- o EXAMPLE: A book may tell all about whales or describe what the geography is like in a particular region.

Cause / Effect



This structure presents the causal relationship between an specific event, idea, or concept and the events, ideas, or concept that follow.



EXAMPLE: Weather patterns could be described that explain why a big snowstorm occurred.

Compare / Contrast

- o This type of text examines the similarities and differences between two or more people, events, concepts, ideas, etc.
- o **EXAMPLE:** A book about ancient Greece may explain how the Spartan women were different from the Athenian women.

Order / Sequence

- o This text structure gives readers a chronological list of events or a list of steps in a procedure.
- o EXAMPLE: A book about the American revolution might list the events leading to the war. In another book, steps involved in harvesting blue crabs might be told.

Problem/Solution

- This type of structure sets up a problem or problems, explains the solution, and then discusses the effects of the solution.
- **EXAMPLE:** The article states the problem of rhinos being endangered due to illegal poaching for their horns. Then it explains steps being taken to prevent the poaching. Finally, how well it is working.